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### HOW MAY SHE FIND THE RIGHT MAN?

That was, indeed, an interesting letter which was published on the Woman's Page of The Times Friday evening. Those who read it must have been impressed by the frank complaint of the writer, and those who did not read it may well do so, for upon all of us must rest responsibility for the circumstances against which the young author protests.

Briefly, the writer propounds this query, which has taken possession of her and aroused in her mind a sense of the possible hopelessness of her outlook.

How may I enlarge my circle of acquaintance among eligible men without overstepping the bounds of propriety?

How, indeed, may she accomplish this seemingly impossible but enormously desirable undertaking? Man has but to choose his women friends, as a rule, but woman must wait to be chosen. This is especially true of the young woman who supports herself. The least word or act from her that could possibly be interpreted as forward is so interpreted, nine times out of ten. As a result, she must learn to walk demurely along the restricted limits of her little path, looking neither to the right nor to the left, on guard always against the probability that any manifestation of interest in a member of the opposite sex will be accepted as an invitation to participate in a flirtation.

And if, by chance, she properly and formally meets a man who appeals to her as a desirable companion and friend, how, pray, is her companionship or association with him to be promoted? He cannot call upon her if her home consists of one room in a boarding house.

If she lives with her people she is somewhat more fortunate, but the same circumstances which send her to the shop, the store, the factory, or the office are quite likely to hedge her in away from desirable male friends and to discourage the friendship of and association with men who would be suitable companions.

She cannot go to public places with men without a chaperon—and she's usually a trifle short of this necessary commodity. On Sunday afternoons she may take a street car ride if the weather is pleasant or may go for a walk in a park. When one has granted her that privilege, however, one has allowed her about all that the proprieties permit.

Every one must sympathize keenly with the young woman who has had the courage to put in writing these perplexing thoughts, which must frequently occupy the minds of thousands and thousands of American girls. Here in Washington there are hundreds who must find themselves confronted by the same difficulties as those encountered by the writer. These certainly have the right to ask the rest of the world this question, which appeared in another portion of the young woman's letter:

Does it not seem unfair that a woman must abide within the narrow confines in which circumstances have thrown her, or, in the effort to surround herself with congenial companions, seem to override the conventions?

The writer asks what she shall do about it, and what society is going to do about it or should do about it. The Times does not hesitate to admit frankly that it doesn't know. That this young woman, and many, many others like her, are victims of injustice is certain. Not only this girl, but countless others, will be thankful to anyone who can offer a remedy.

The Times will be glad to lend its columns to the public for a discussion of the problem, in the hope that a way out may perhaps be found for those to whom male companionship and friendship, love, and a chance of marriage are now practically denied because of the commercial selfishness or the heartlessness of society.

### WASHINGTON JOINS MEMORIAL MOVEMENT.

It is particularly fitting, for business as well as sentimental reasons, that the people of this city should join heartily in the movement which has for its object the erection here of a great auditorium as a memorial to George Washington. It is inexplicable that so many years should have passed before the city appreciated the need of such a building to the extent of digging down into its pocket and furnishing the cash to erect it. It has been decidedly

a penny wise and pound foolish policy, for if Washington had been equipped with a hall such as is now proposed, it could have reaped material benefits through national and international meetings which could have been brought here.

Washington could well afford to provide itself with a big convention hall, as other cities have provided themselves, and it is, therefore, doubly incumbent upon us to do our part in the present national undertaking. More than any other interest or community, Washington would profit from the establishment of the memorial.

The nation-wide movement for the George Washington memorial building is already under way, and there is every indication that the necessary funds will be raised and the structure erected. Since the meeting of prominent Washington business men, at which was created a local committee to solicit contributions, there have been assurances from many quarters that Washington will not be backward.

Aside from the question of sentiment, which should influence every patriotic citizen and spur him to liberality, Washington should appreciate the practical value of the proposed memorial. It will provide a place for holding the inaugural balls and thereby relieve the city of the embarrassment of begging Congress for the use of the Pension building. And it should be remembered that the plea has of late been grudgingly heard, for the very excellent reason that the use of the Pension building for an inaugural ball necessitates the closing of a large part of it for ten days or two weeks and interferes seriously with the work of an important Government office.

The primary object of the national movement, however, is to establish a memorial to the Father of His Country and to provide a structure where scientific, civic, educational, patriotic, and other societies of broad purpose may meet for the dissemination of knowledge. Washington will surely be found in the fore in so patriotic and commendable an undertaking, especially as the success of the project means so much in direct benefits to this community.

### DON'T TRIFLE WITH CENSUS ENUMERATORS.

The census enumerators have begun their work. Don't josh them. Don't treat them as busybodies. Take them seriously, courteously. Remember that they are agents of the Federal Government and that the Government is taking stock. It is just as important for the Government to do this as for any firm or family. Every ten years the rounds are made to see how the people are getting along—how the nation stands in population, in health, in intellectual affairs, and in matters industrial. It is highly important that the returns should be accurate—that the answers to the questions should be fair and frank.

We all have a vague idea that the country is doing well, on the whole; that it is prosperous and progressive; that its ninety millions of people or thereabouts are growing more and more efficient; that every section, every State, every city and town has achievements to record beyond any yet recorded. It is the census enumerators' business to put this record down in black and white. Do what you can to make their progress smooth and successful.

### PROTECTIVE TARIFF OVERPLAYED, SAYS MR. FOSS.

Representative Eugene N. Foss, who was lately elected in the Fourteenth Massachusetts district by an overwhelming majority, gave utterance in a speech at Rochester, N. Y., to sentiments on the tariff which will inevitably attract wide notice. Mr. Foss emphasized the fact that he had won the election in the Fourteenth Massachusetts district on the straight issue of the tariff. He was speaking in behalf of James S. Havens, the Democratic candidate for Congress in the Thirty-second New York district, whom the Democrats hope to elect over George W. Aldridge, the Monroe county Republican boss, who has forced himself into the nomination to succeed James Breck Perkins, who died recently.

Mr. Foss said his district in Massachusetts was a typical protective Congressional district, in the heart of the manufacturing section of the State. He added:

And while Senators Lodge and Aldrich claimed that this Payne-Aldrich tariff was drawn in the interests of New England and chuckled over the thought that they had given New England more than it was entitled to, the people of this most typical New England district have repudiated flatly the Aldrich act and pronounced it unfair, unjust, and inequitable. They realize that this sharp practice, this overprotection, is poor business judgment. They realize that it imposes unnecessary and unfair burdens on the people of the whole country, themselves included. They realize that it would be disastrous to permit it to remain.

As Mr. Foss interprets it, the election in the Fourteenth Massachusetts district means the people are tired of the Aldrich measure. It is a demand of Massachusetts and all New England, he says, for free raw material, untaxed food products, and wider markets, with the tariff bars against Canada taken down.

doesn't need so much protection, and ought not to have it.

If Mr. Foss were a mere theorist, a mere academic, it might be possible to disregard what he says. But he is not. He is one of the most successful of business men. He views the tariff from a practical standpoint. What he says as to the feelings of the people of his district is entitled to weight. If the Congressional campaign leaders are not blind they will take cognizance of what Mr. Foss says. There is one thing they can do to convince the country they are willing to have the tariff treated fairly, impartially, and on a business basis. That is, to provide before the session ends for a tariff commission with real authority.

### A TWENTIETH CENTURY THEORY OF WEDLOCK.

Two perfectly gowned young society women of Washington lounged comfortably in an artistic tete-a-tete in the well-appointed waiting room of a local dressmaking establishment. They engaged in this illuminating conversation:

Miss A.—Why are you going to marry him?  
Miss B.—Oh, I'm tired of going about as I've been doing for two or three years, just being in society, without any particular object in view.  
Miss A.—Do you love him?  
Miss B.—Of course not, but he's a very pleasant fellow, fairly good looking, has money and seems to be quite nice. If I find he isn't congenial I can get a divorce.

These words happened to be repeated to us by a person who accidentally overheard them. They were spoken in the utmost seriousness.

To presume to elucidate upon their significance would be to insult the intelligence of the reader.

There is a grave suspicion that Mr. Cannon is not practicing that doctrine of his long-life preaching, which advises one to take no thought of the morrow.

That Rhode Island liquor which killed twelve people rather jars the Kentucky theory that there is good whiskey and better whisky, but no bad whisky.

In making his promise to resign if the Legislature thinks he should do so, Senator Percy of Mississippi may have a good line on what the Legislature will say.

Governor Fort, after making rules governing the bathing suits to be worn at Atlantic City, might take a turn at regulating the habits of the New Jersey Legislature.

Now that the White House cow has died, the opponents of the President may not find so much of the milk of human kindness about the place.

The Intimation that balloon races are to be part of Washington's Fourth of July celebration doesn't fit in very well with that safe and sane theory.

Good citizens will please murder all persons who are going around with the complaint: "Win the first game—lose all the rest."

Governor Patterson evidently holds to the theory that a man is innocent after being proven guilty.

Mr. Bryan may be laboring under the delusion that there's an Elba in South America, too.

Sport note: Bryan, at 16 to 1, was distanced in the Democratic harmony meet at Washington.

Fortunately, he got out of Venice without heaving anybody into the canals.

### ASTOR HAS MEETING WITH FORMER WIFE

Conference Said to Have Related Only to Custody of Children.

LONDON, April 16.—London society is somewhat amused over a series of formal meetings in Paris between John Jacob Astor and Mrs. William Astor, who recently divorced him. Mrs. Astor has just returned to London.

The objects of the council were the education of the children and certain money matters. It is understood here that Mrs. Astor wanted to take the children to Cannes until the son, Vincent, should return to New York. It was decided, however, that the mother and children should go to Waldorf Astor's residence, Cliveden, and remain there until autumn.

The strictest formality is said to have marked the conduct of the council.

### What's on the Program Tonight in Washington

Biological Society of Washington, George Washington University, Fifteenth and H streets, 8 p. m.; council meeting, Cosmos Club, 7:30 p. m.  
District of Columbia alumni of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity, University Club, 8 p. m.  
Society of the Oregon Country, Pythian Temple, 8 p. m.  
Mississippi Society, Pythian Temple, 8 p. m.  
Order of the Golden Cross banquet, Freund's Hall, 8 p. m.  
Entertainment for the benefit of the Washington Juvenile Club, 2313 Massachusetts avenue, 8:30 p. m.  
Bankers' Association of the District of Columbia banquet, New Willard, 7:30 p. m.  
Meeting and smoker of the Medical Society, Medical building, George Washington University, 8 p. m.  
Washington Chapter, Johns Hopkins University alumni banquet, the Arlington, 7:30 p. m.  
Sportsman's show, Light Infantry Armory.  
Dog show, the Arcade.

#### Theaters.

National—"Follies of 1909," 8:15 p. m.  
Belasco—"The Midnight Sons," 8:20 p. m.  
Columbia—"Bobby Burnt," 8:25 p. m.  
Chase—"Polite vaudeville," 8:15 p. m.  
Casino—"Continuous vaudeville."  
Academy—"Lion and the Mouse," 8:15 p. m.  
Vaudeville and motion pictures, 7 to 11 p. m.  
Lyceum—"Dreamlands," 8:15 p. m.  
Gayety—"Golden Crook," 8:25 p. m.  
Masonic Auditorium—Motion pictures and vaudeville, 7:30 to 10:30 p. m.  
Arcade—Midway and other attractions.

(The Times will be pleased to announce meetings and entertainments in this column. Phone or write announcements.)

## Capital Tales.

### The Early Bird.

CHAIRMAN SERENO E. PAYNE of the House Committee on Ways and Means, is probably the earliest arrival at the Capitol of any member of that body, taken day in and day out.

About 8 o'clock in the morning Chairman Payne gets on the car at Thomas Circle and goes directly to his office. This is an hour before the Government clerks report for work. It is two hours, on an average, before nine out of every ten Representatives show themselves at their offices and is three hours, also on an average, before the members of the Senate get down to work.

Occasionally a new Representative will come to Washington from a rural district and begin his Congressional career by going to work before 9 o'clock. This habit is usually shaken, however, as time goes on and continues to slacken until the member has adjusted his habits to the practices of Washington.

Mr. Payne, however, though an odd-timer and a veteran legislator, continues his singular habits. He has found that he can do a lot of good hard work in the early morning when there are few interruptions.

### Elkins, the Linguist.

SENATOR ELKINS is chairman of the Senate Committee on Interstate Commerce, which has had the railroad rate bill under consideration. He is acting chairman, in the absence of Senator Fyfe, of the Senate Committee on Commerce, which has had the river and harbor bill under consideration. He is the patron of the Administration railroad bill, and has had it under his special care during its rather stormy career in the Senate. He is principal owner of several railroad and coal mining enterprises and banking houses, and has a campaign for reelection coming on in a couple of years with State senators who will vote for his successor to be chosen next fall. But with all this he is not too busy to keep up his studies of the Spanish language.

Appearing before the Supreme Court of the United States a few days ago to introduce a constituent who was admitted to practice on the Senators' motion, some one expressed surprise that Senator Elkins was a member of the bar of the Supreme Court.

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## Miss Katherine Clabaugh to Wed George B. Bloomer This Afternoon



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### To Give Musicales Tea At Bishop's Residence

A musicales-tea will be held at the residence of the bishop of Washington this afternoon from 3 to 7 o'clock for the benefit of the Prisoners' Aid Association. A musical program has been arranged for the afternoon.

The board of lady managers of the Children's Hospital will serve tea on the Potomac drive this afternoon.

The tea tables will be arranged around the bandstand, where the first concert of the season will be given.

Mrs. Gherardi, Mrs. Merriam, Mrs. Gaff, Mrs. Herbert Wadsworth, and Mrs. Sewall will preside at the tables, assisted by Mrs. Sherman Miles, Miss Marling, Miss Laura Merriam, Miss Walker, Miss Schneider, the Misses Meyer, Miss Carlisle, Miss Kibbey, Miss Marlowe, and a number of debutantes of the season and a group of bachelors from the Diplomatic Corps.

The Vice President and Mrs. Sherman were the guests in compliment to whom Mr. and Mrs. Charles Henry Butler entertained a party at dinner last evening.

The Vice President and Mrs. Sherman left Washington today for Ulster, N. Y., to spend the week-end.

### Miss Weaver Entertains Classmates.

Miss Phoebe M. Weaver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Weaver, of Philadelphia, Pa., was hostess at a dinner at the New Willard last evening in compliment to the senior class of the Mt. Vernon Seminary, of which she is a member. The dinner was served in the red room and the table decorations were red carnations, the class flower. The guests were Mrs. A. E. Patton, Philadelphia; Mrs. E. J. Sommers, Mrs. A. G. Hensley, Mrs. Manner, Miss Cole, Miss Walker, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Weaver, and the members of the class, Miss Helen Minton, Miss Waldo, Miss Cassell, Miss Cuddeback, Miss Downey, Miss Hensley, Miss Reed, Miss Testudine, Miss Patterson, Miss Thompson, Miss Bacon, Miss True, Miss McComb, Miss Spencer, Miss Parker, Miss Mitchell, Miss Medchin, Miss Keely, Miss Pirestone, Miss Burnett, Miss Murray, Miss Lathrop, Miss Curtis, Miss Thompson, Miss Browning, Miss Erick, Miss Pickens, Miss Foster, Miss Humphreys, and Miss Kidder.

Mrs. Samuel Spencer has as her guest, her sister, Miss Anna C. Benning, of Columbia, Ga.

### Mrs. Leiter Entertains At Garden Party Today

Mrs. Leiter will be hostess at a garden party this afternoon from 4:30 until 6 o'clock in the beautiful garden behind her residence on Dupont circle.

The Vice President and Mrs. Sherman, the Chief Justice, the Justices of the Supreme Court, the members of the Cabinet, the Diplomatic Corps, members of the Senate and the House of Representatives, and a large number of residents have been invited.

Mrs. Leiter will be assisted in receiving her guests by Miss Dorothy Williams, and Mrs. John R. Williams will preside at the tea table.

During the afternoon the Hungarian Band, of New York, will play.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Robinson Darling, of the Burlington, have issued cards for an afternoon reception on Wednesday, April 27, from 4 to 6 o'clock in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kelsey and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Philippe Cret.

Assisting Mr. and Mrs. Darling in receiving their guests will be Mr. Albert Warren Kelsey, of Philadelphia; Mrs. Louis Piper Goldschmidt, of Baltimore; Mrs. Charles C. Marbury, of New York, and Miss Kelsey.

### Mrs. Coolidge Entertaining At Tea.

Mrs. L. A. Coolidge will entertain at a tea in her home on Massachusetts avenue this afternoon from 4 to 7 o'clock.

Mrs. James Slayden, Mrs. Gregg, Mrs. George Porter, Mrs. Marion Butler, Mrs. Aleshaire, and Mrs. Charles Wood will assist Mrs. Coolidge in receiving her guests.

The tea table, which will be adorned with a centerpiece of spring flowers, will be presided over by Mrs. Frank Lowden and Mrs. Rudolph Kauffmann. Palms and branches of dogwood and lilacs will form the house decorations.

Mrs. Adlai R. Stevenson, accompanied by her son, Louis Stevenson, is spending a few days in Washington.

Mrs. Herbert Sage, of Atlanta, Ga., and her son, Herbert Sage, are guests at the New Willard for several days.

### Students Give Cherry Tree Ball.

The Cherry Tree Ball, which was given last evening at Hauecher's by the students of the George Washington University, was one of the most beautiful dances of the season. A section of the Marine Band furnished the music for the dancers.

### Ceremony to Be Performed at St. Thomas' Episcopal Church.

### Congressional Club Entertained at Musicales at White House.

One of the most interesting weddings of the season will take place this afternoon at 4 o'clock in St. Thomas' Episcopal Church, when Miss Katherine Clabaugh, daughter of Chief Justice and Mrs. H. M. Clabaugh, will become the bride of George Beale Bloomer.

The church is to be decorated for the occasion with palms, ferns, and a profusion of white and lavender lilacs and dogwood. Mrs. Robbins, the organist of the church, will play an appropriate musical program during the seating of the guests and during the ceremony.

Miss Clabaugh will enter the church with her father, who will give her in marriage. She will wear a bridal gown of duchesse satin, made en train. The waist is made with a V-neck, and the sleeves are of point lace. The entire front of the gown is a most effective panel of the satin, embroidered with lilies of the valley, through a trellis of tiny seed pearls, and the train is fitted closely under the shoulders in fan-shaped pleats. A band of orange blossoms will hold in place the bridal veil of tulle and the bridal bouquet will be a shower of lilies of the valley. Her only ornament will be a handsome diamond brooch, the gift of the bridegroom.

Attending the bride will be Miss Fanny Bloomer, sister of the bridegroom, as maid of honor, and Miss Helen Henderson and Miss Charlotte Hopkins, both of New York, as bridesmaids.

### Maid of Honor To Wear White Chiffon.

The maid of honor will wear a gown of white chiffon, draped in scarf effect with chiffon painted in a beautiful design of roses in pale pastel shades of pink and orchid. Her hat will be of white lace, trimmed with lilacs and pink roses and her bouquet will be of white and lavender lilacs.

The bridesmaids will wear similar gowns of white satin, draped in the hand-painted chiffrons of pink and orchid. Streamers of orchid satin ribbon fall from the back of the hats with a huge knot at the V-shaped neck of the gowns.

Cuthbert Brown will act as best man for Mr. Bloomer and the ushers who will seat the guests and lead the bride and groom to the altar will be Lieut. Byron A. Long, Franklin H. Ellis, and William H. Emory, Jr., all of Washington; William H. Hewson, cousin of the bride, of Philadelphia; T. Johnson Ward, of Philadelphia, and Sherburne Prescott, of New York.

The Rev. C. Ernest Smith, rector, will solemnize the ceremony in the presence of a large gathering of relatives and friends of the young couple.

Following the ceremony, there will be a small reception at the home of the bride's parents on Mintwood place, for the relatives and out-of-town guests.

The house of the bride is decorated with palms, ferns, lilacs, and other spring blossoms.

### Mrs. Clabaugh To Wear Satin Gown.

Mrs. Clabaugh, mother of the bride, will wear a handsome gown of deep cream satin, draped in black lace, with a black tulle hat trimmed with pale yellow roses.

Mrs. Hean, mother of the bridegroom, will wear a handsome gown of white chiffon, hand-painted in a design of orchids and lilacs. The bodice is of Maltese lace with a chiffron.

Among the out-of-town guests present will be Mrs. G. W. Clabaugh, grand-mother of the bride, and Mrs. Adeline Hewson, Mr. and Mrs. De C. Douglas, Jr., the latter a cousin of the bride; and Mrs. Charles C. Marbury, of Baltimore, and a number of others from New York.

Mr. Bloomer and his bride will leave Washington later in the afternoon for a Southern bridal trip. The bride's going away gown will be a tailored suit of light gray tweed, with a wistaria hat, trimmed with white and pink.

They will return to Washington later for a time before sailing for Europe, where they will spend the summer. Upon their return, they will make their home in Washington for the winter.

The bride of today is a charming young woman and exceedingly popular in Washington society, since her debut a few years ago. Mr. Bloomer is also prominently identified with residential circles of Washington. Their engagement was announced last October.

### Secretary And Mrs. MacVeagh Hosts.

The Secretary of the Treasury and Mrs. MacVeagh were hosts at a dinner party last evening. Their guests were the Postmaster General, Senator and Mrs. Elkins, Senator Kean, Miss Kean, Senator and Mrs. Murray Crane, Senator and Mrs. Depew, Senator and Mrs. Cullen, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne MacVeagh, Colonel and Mrs. McCawley, Mr. and Mrs. Lutz